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LOOK AT THAT ! JUST LIKE HE WAS BACK AT THE RIFLE RANGE SHOOTIN' FOR THE RECORD! HE'S A COLD FISH , ALL RIGHT!



THE OTHERS ADJUSTED NORMALLY TO LIFE IN THE LINES --- KALEK HAD TO ACT LIKE HE'D SPENT HALF HIS LIFE BEING SHOT AT!





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IT SEEMS THAT YOUR MEN HAVE PROVED TO BE THE STEADIEST UNDER FIRE! SO WE--ESPECIALLY YOUR MEN HAVE TO HOLD THE LINE WHEN THE REDS MAKE THEIR BIG MOVE!



THAT'S ASKIN' TOO MUCH!
I'M HUMAN! THE KIDS IN MY
PLATOON ARE HUMAN! I'M
FED UP! LET SOMEONE
ELSE RUN THE PLATOON!







BUT KALEK ONLY WEAKENED FOR A MOMENT--THEN HE WAS PRETEND-ING TO BE A HERO AGAIN! HE AND THE AND THE OTHERS PRETENDED WELL, VERY WELL!







# FIGHTIN' ARMY FIGHTI

THE HOWLING HORDE OF MOROS WERE WORKING THEMSELVES INTO A FRENZY! WITH THE NEW GUNS, THEY WERE ALMOST CERTAIN TO OVERCOME THE FEW U.S. ARMY MEN IN THAT CORNER OF THE PHILIPPINES TO GO ON AND SCOURGE THE ENTIRE ISLAND! THE SIX MEN IN THE SCOUTING DETACHMENT COULDN'T STOP THEM ... SO HOW COULD SERGEANT CLIFF BAYLES DO IT ALL ALONE ?



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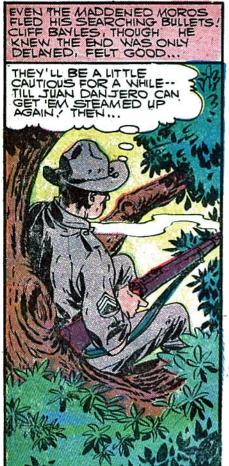




































A week after the world was saddened by the news of Wilbur Wright's death on Memorial Day, 1912, an event took place on June 7, 1912, that would in time directly affect mankind more than did the pioneer flight at Kitty Hawk. For on that day, Captain Charles Deforest Chandler successfully fired a full automatic weapon from an aircraft in flight for the first time in aviation history.

The experiment was carried out unofficially. Lt. Col. Isaac N. Lewis, Coast Artillery, United States Army, had devised a weapon for the Automatic Arms Co. of Buffalo, N. Y. Feeling it was a most progressive step in machine-gun construction, he visualized its use in the most promising development of the day — the flying machine!

Lt. Col. Isaac N. Lewis talked about this to Captain Chandler, the commanding officer at College Park. The captain agreed to try this gun and offered to fire it personally.

The early model of the Lewis air-cooled automatic machine gun weighed 25 pounds, 6 ounces and was chambered for the caliber 30/06 United States Army infantry rifle cartridge. The ammunition was contained in a circular drum that slipped over a post on the top of the receiver. The rate of fire of the weapon was given as well above 750 rounds per minute. For this trial, however, it was slowed down by putting unusual tension on the return spring. Lewis thought it best to shoot 500 shots a minute, allowing the gunner to empty the drum in 6 seconds. The gun had no sighting arrangement other than looking along the top of the musually large aluminum barrel jacket.

Captain Chandler, after being shown by ewis how to operate the weapon and being ade familiar with the kick and amount of imp when operating it full automatic, took his place in the Type B Wright Pusher plane. The muzzle of the gun rested on the cross bar upon which the pilot and observer placed their feet. It had been agreed that the firing was to take place a short distance in front of the hangar. In the interest of safety a decision was made to fly at a low altitude.

A target, consisting of a piece of cheesecloth 6 by 7 feet in size was laid on the ground. Lewis calculated that the plane would travel over the length of the target in one-tenth of a second. It. T. DeWitt Milling, who was piloting the plane, made three approaches at an altitude of 250 feet. Each time a short burst was fired. Examination showed five hits on the target and several bullet holes directly in front of the cheeseclath.

Chandler could not see where the bullets were hitting on the ground. When circling over some adjacent fish ponds, he fired the remainder of the drum into the water to observe the spacing of the bullets by the splashes.

This unscheduled burst caused the colonel much concern. Thinking that Chandler may have fired the weapon accidently, he asked the observers to take cover in the hangars as a precautionary measure. He concluded that if the trigger had been pulled once accidentally, it might be done again. Later Lewis was much relieved by the captain's explanation for firing into the pond.

Realizing they had contributed to aviation history, they planned another trial the following day. This time a target 2 yards wide and 18 yards in length was used. And again, the two officers, Chandler and Milling, took off in the plane. From experience gained the day before, they decided to raise the altitude to 550 feet. Even at the increased height, 14 shots out of the 44 fired hit the target and the remainder of the bullets left holes in the ground close by.

A Serbian student named Princep, on June 28, 1914, assassinated Archduke Francis Ferdinand of Austria and thus set off what can be called the First Great Machine Gun War. The automatic weapon had heretofore been employed only in minor conflicts. In the 1914-1918 war it was estimated that 92 percent of all casualties were inflicted with this highly lethal type of weapon.

Mention must be made of the part played by the Lewis aircraft machine gun in breaking up the Zeppelin raids over England. This German aircraft was named for its inventor, Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin. He was born on July 8, 1838, in Constance, Baden, Germany, and after 30 years of service in the German Army, retired with the rank of General. He announced his intention of devoting the remainder of his life to the study of aeronautics and the building of lighter-than-air-machines.

His decision was influenced partially by his term as military attache in the United States during the Civil War. At that time he made his first balloon ascension with Professor Lowe to reconnoiter the Confederate forces.

Unable to find financial backing at first, Count von Zeppelin sold his family estate and all other valuables to raise the money needed to conduct his first experiment. Within 2 years

to conduct his first experiment. Within 2 years he had his first airship, using a 16 horsepower Daimler motor for power, ready for flight. After a short trial in the air, it was destroyed

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The count was financially ruined after so many failures and very low in morale when the German Government agreed to finance the next ship, to be known as the Deutschland. In 1910 it made a flight for a distance of 300 miles.

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ship, to be known as the Deutschland. In 1910 it made a flight for a distance of 300 miles. This feat stirred the imagination of the German people and over \$1,500,000 poured in for the purpose of more experimentation.

The Deutschland was also wrecked by a

sudden and violent wind as it attempted to land, but the government now had implicit faith in the Zeppelins. Further experimentation was needed and finally one of these ships powered with 75 horsepower engines successfully rode out a storm for three days with gales at times of 80 miles per hour. Between 1900 and 1914 the Zeppelin Corporation constructed over 115 airships of the rigid type.

The German military command realized that it had at its disposal what might be considered a powerful weapon. The Zeppelins could stay aloft longer than conventional airplanes. They could also reach a greater altitude than any plane. Their speed, especially with a favorable wind was far in excess of that standard military aircraft. Best of all, the designers reasoned that the huge area and unlimited carrying power of the dirigibles furnished a platform upon which to mount weapons. This would allow them to fight off anything that dared to

approach the flying arsenal.

The first Zeppelin assault on England took place at Great Yarmouth on January 19, 1915.

It resulted in minor damage and was considered merely a token raid, a dress rehearsal for the main event. An English newspaper made the statement: "What made the people indignant was not so much the ruthlessness of the Germans, but the failure of our own naval and military to offer any protection . . . or even to harass them when they came."

It took years in time and millions in money to build up the Zeppelin myth. It was quickly shattered when British airmen found the fatal weakness of the huge airships. The following report on bringing down a Zeppelin, the L-53, by Lt. Culley, of the Royal Air Force, illustrates a typical encounter:

"The naval units informed me at 8:30 a.m. there was a Zeppelin approaching from NE at an estimated 15,000 feet altitude. I got my 'Camel' into the air at 8:41 a.m. and with the sun at my back, I climbed upwards. When first sighted, the airship was broadside, but evidently having sighted me it had turned end on and had climbed to 19,000 feet. As we approached, the 'Camel' sat tail down unable to climb another inch of altitude. At this close point the airship started to pass slowly overhead. I pressed the trigger of my two Lewis guns mounted above the wing and after firing a long burst observed the bullets strike and flash as they hit

A propeller on an engine on the port side was seen to stop and as nothing else seemed to happen I dived my plane, followed later by an explosion as the whole airship exploded in flames. One of the crew succeeded in jumpeing with a parachute and was saved..."

the metal in the under belly of the huge ship.

Lt. Culley could have mentioned the fact that he was using the new Buckham incendiary bullets in his guns. Of the 12 Zeppelins destroyed in attacks over London, the Lewis aircraft machine gun is officially credited with shooting down 10 of them.

In studying the history of the various weapons invented to be used in a war, the following observation may be of interest: A terrible effective weapon is created. Then another one to oppose it! Here an invention of an American met the invention of a German — and won.

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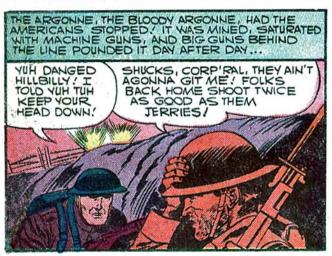
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# THE CHANT OF ARCONNE WOOLS

THE COMPANY KNEW HANK SCHIFFER WAS DEAD! HE HAD TO BE! NO ONE COULD LIVE THROUGH THE GERMAN BARRAGE THAT HAD POUNDED THE ARGONNE FOR DAYS ...

















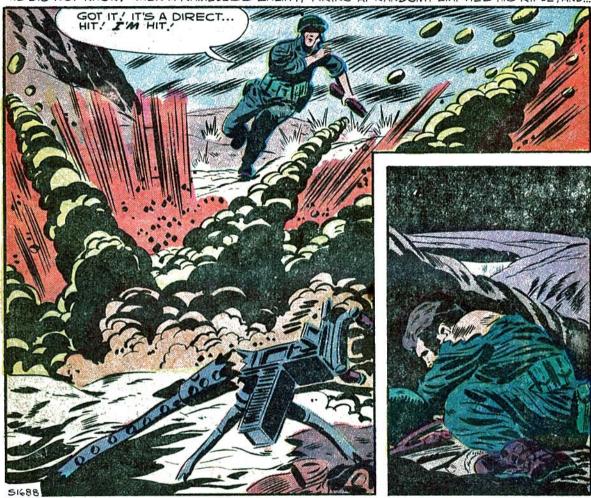






# FIGHTIN' ARMY FIGHTIN' ARMY FIGHTIN' ARMY FIGHTIN' ARMY

SOMEWHERE IN KOREA A SOLDIER FOUGHT ... JUST ONE OF THOUSANDS OF NAMELESS MEN ON BOTH SIDES OR AN IMAGINARY LINE FIGHTING FOR THE COUNTRY HE OWED ALLEGIENCE TO! THIS ONE FOUGHT HARD, STRIVING TO WIN GROWND HE COULD NOT USE, FIGHTING MEN HE DID NOT KNOW! THEN A NAMELESS ENEMY, FIRING AT RANDOM, EMPTIED HIS RIFLE, AND...

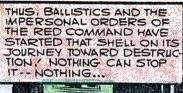


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HIS ORDERS!
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THAT A NINE-

TEEN YEAR OLD BOY IS ONE OF THE TARGETS...



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IN THE CON-FUSION OF THE RED BARRAGE, THE DYNAMITE CHARGE WEHT UN-NOTICED! AND WHERE THE CAVE ENTRANCE HAD BEEN THERE HOTHING ..





MEAN-WHILE, THE BIG BRASS WAS FRANTIC STEN HILD THE DRIVE...





MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN CROS-LEY WAS GETTING HIS TANKS REPAIRED AND FILLED WITH GAS AND AMMUNITION ...











THERE'S STILL SOME JUICE LEFT IN THE BATTERY! I'VE GOT JUST ENOUGH FOR ONE TRANSMISSION! BLASTED DITCH NEARBY OFFERED CROSLEY HIS ONLY CHANCE! CHECKED COMMAND RADIO ...

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HE MADE A DASH FOR IT AND

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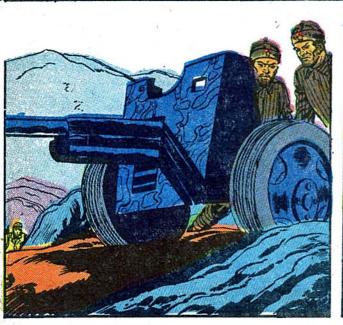


CAPTAIN CROSLEY DUG OUT
THE LAST FEW YARDS OF
DIRT AT THE CAVE ENTRANCE
HIMSELF. AS MORNING
ARRIVED...
IT WON'T BE
HOW DO WE THAT EASY,

HOW DO WE THAT EASY, SARGE! I'LL GO OUT THE SMALLER TUNNEL FIRST...









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